SUBJECT No. 64.

Village Improvement Scheme.

Messrs. C. Naraharaiya, D. S. Krishna Rao and Rudrappa, Nelamangala taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that some rules to enforce obligations imposed under Village Improvement Scheme may be passed.

Reply of Government.—It is desirable to develop the scheme as far as possible on optional lines. The present system will be tried for another year. Suggestions will be considered later.

SUBJECT No. 65.

Mohatarfa collections for village improvement works.

Messrs. H. Krishna Sastri, Mysore District Board, and Venkataswamiah, Chamrajnagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The recently organised Village Improvement Scheme is working very well throughout the State. As it is required to maintain this scheme permanently some funds are necessary. It is, therefore, prayed that half the mohatarfa collections of each village may be given to the village improvement works.

Reply of Government.—Government are already giving for village improvement a larger sum than the total amount of the mohatarfa revenue.

SUBJECT No. 66.

Payment of village improvement cost.

Mr. Srikantaiya, Maddagiri taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Government have ruled last year that half the expenses of the village improvement works should be met by the Government and the other half by the raiyats. This liberal concession may be continued to be shown every year as having to contribute two-thirds of the cost is very inconvenient to poor raiyats.

Reply of Government.—Has been done for 1914-15.

SUBJECT No. 67.

Mohatarfa cart-tax.

Mr. B. V. Narayana Rao, Hosdurga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A uniform tax of Rs. 2 per cart may be levied on all carts whether used solely for agricultural purposes or not, and the realisations may be utilised exclusively for improving the village cart-tracks.

Note.—The sense of the meeting was against the representation.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 68.

Extension of villages.

Mr. Honnalige Gowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Many villages suffer from congestion. These may be extended.

Reply of Government.—In many villages all available sites have not been utilized. This is a matter which Village Committees should attend to and get new sites allotted wherever necessary by application to local officers.

SUBJECT No. 69.

Introduction of Village Hand Book.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—It is suggested that each village should have a printed book of its own, containing the following information:—

(*a*) The history of the village.

(*b*) Area, etc.

(*c*) Population and occupation.

(*d*) Name or names of *hiduvalidars*, joint *hiduvalidars*, alienees, if any, and the nature of *hiduvali*.